

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:
- a. ☐ within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);  
☐ within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application;  
☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or  
☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
  - b. ☐ after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or ☐ a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.
  - c. ☐ after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

2. It is hereby certified:

- ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;
  - ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of the Statement; or
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3. ☒ Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:

**U.S. Application No. 10/304,438, filed November 26, 2002**

**U.S. Application No. 10/899,201, filed July 26, 2004**

**U.S. Application No. 11/182,992, filed July 15, 2005**

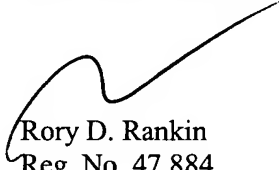
4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:

- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
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- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

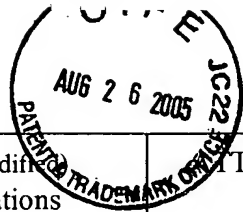
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**Form PTO-1449** (modified)  
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,745,207	06/01/2004	Reuter, et al.			
		6,594,698	07/15/2003	Chow, et al.			
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		5,485,606	01/16/1996	Midgdey, et al.			
		5,339,437	08/16/1994	Yuen			
		5,301,270	04/05/1994	Steinberg, et al.			
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		5,187,787	02/16/1993	Skeen, et al.			
		5,133,065	07/21/1992	Cheffetz, et al.			
		5,005,122	04/02/1991	Griffin, et al.			
		4,714,995	12/22/1987	Materna, et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	A1	"Realizing SAN Potential with a Powerful Centralized Management Tool," VERITAS SANPoint™ Control, August 9, 2002, (56 Pages)
	A2	"Fibre Channel SAN Security", Clark, Elizabeth, <a href="http://www.networkmagazine.com/shared/article/showArticle.jhtml?articleId=8703406">http://www.networkmagazine.com/shared/article/showArticle.jhtml?articleId=8703406</a> , pages 1 – 5, September 4, 2002.
	A3	"LUN Masking in a SAN," King, Bill, Qlogic Corporation, pages 1 – 12, October 8, 2001.
	A4	Copy of application serial no. 10/304,438, filed November 26, 2002.

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